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(54) Optical information recording device and method

(57) A laser light beam generated from a light source is divided by a diffraction grating into a plurality of light beams, i.e., a single main beam (12) to be used for recording information and plural auxiliary beams (141, 142; 151, 152) distributed on two imaginary straight lines (131, 132) crossing each other. One of the straight lines extends parallel to tracks (11) of a recording medium (9). The resultant divided beams are converged to be irradiated onto a recording medium (9), and reflected components, from the recording medium (9), of the beams are received by corresponding light

receiving elements. Thus, the main and auxiliary beams (12, 141, 142) distributed on one (131) of the two imaginary straight lines (131, 132) are used to perform focusing and tracking. Further, one of the two auxiliary beams (151, 152) distributed on the other straight line (132) are used to determine whether a track (11) where information is to be recorded is a blank area or not, and the other of the auxiliary beams (151, 152) is used to verify whether the information has been recorded correctly.

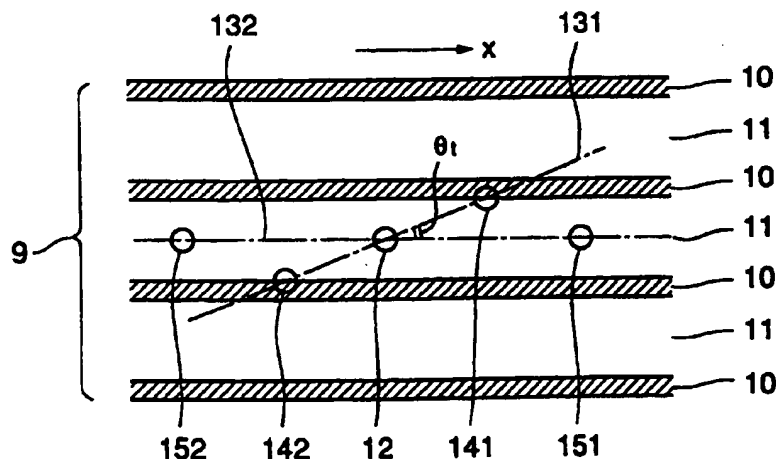


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